COMNAVSEVRVTRACOM INSTRUCTION 5450.5

Subj: MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF NAVAL SCIENCE (DPTNAVSCI)

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 5450 Ser 09326/144447 of 6 Aug 1979 (NOTAL)
     (b) OPNAVNOTE 5400 of 18 Jun 03, Standard Navy Distribution List, Part 2

Encl: (1) Functions Assigned to the Departments of Naval Science (DPTNAVSCI)

1. Purpose. To promulgate the functions to be performed by the Departments of Naval Science in support of the mission promulgated per reference (a).

2. Background. In compliance with the United States Code, Title 46, Chapters 27 and 31, and Public Law 96-453, "Maritime Education and Training Act of 1980," the DPTNAVSCI have been established at the United States Merchant Marine Academy and at selected maritime institutions to provide instruction in naval science and administer the Merchant Marine Reserve, United States Naval Reserve Midshipman Program.

3. Mission. To provide instruction in naval science at maritime educational institutions to students eligible for commissions in the Naval Reserve. This instruction is to enable those officers to operate effectively with the Navy in time of peace, national emergency, or war; and to perform such other functions and tasks as directed by higher authority.

4. Status and Command Relationships. The DPTNAVSCI are shore activities in an active, fully operational status, each under an Officer in Charge under the command of the Commander, Naval Service Training Command (NSTC). The Officers-in-Charge (OIC) of the DPTNAVSCI are subject to the area coordination authority of the appropriate Regional Area Coordinator as assigned in section 3 of reference (b).
5. Action. In accomplishing the assigned mission, each OIC, DPTNAVSCI, will ensure performance of the functions in enclosure (1). The OIC is requested to advise NSTC of any recommended modifications to the mission or functions of DPTNAVSCI.

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FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO THE
DEPARTMENTS OF NAVAL SCIENCE

1. Provide instruction in naval science and in other areas as appropriate.


3. Administer the Merchant Marine Reserve, United States Naval Reserve Midshipman Program.

4. Maintain liaison with the Navy Recruiting Command, Naval Reserve Force, Naval Medical Command, Chief of Naval Personnel and Maritime Administration as required, ensuring that NSTC is kept informed of such communications as appropriate.

5. Inculcate midshipmen with a commitment to academic excellence and a knowledge of the naval profession necessary to establish a sound basis for their future growth as a Navy.

6. Prepare midshipmen for service with the highest sense of honor and integrity, the essential elements of military leadership, and a strong sense of loyalty and dedication to the service and the nation.

7. Exercise budgetary and funding control over funds allocated by NSTC; develop and coordinate long and short-range financial plans and programs.

8. Coordinate and maintain liaison, as appropriate, with the NSTC Public Affairs Officer regarding internal and external public affairs programs, and other public affairs matters pertaining to the NSTC area of responsibility.

9. In keeping with the Navy Total Force concept, support the Naval Reserve as required or assigned in fulfillment of its mission.

10. Serve as an effective instrument of U.S. foreign policy, by initiating and continuing action programs which promote positive relations between the command and foreign nationals, and which assist individual naval personnel and their families to work effectively, live with dignity and satisfaction, and function as positive representatives of the Navy and of the United States while overseas.
11. Make recommendations to NSTC regarding such changes in academic, facilities, funding, and logistic requirements necessary for effective accomplishment of the assigned mission and functions.

12. Discharge other responsibilities and tasks as assigned by NSTC.

13. Keep NSTC advised regarding progress and general results of the education and training being conducted under NSTC cognizance.